

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PALISADE
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
CHURCH

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to a landmark institution from my district. The Palisade Seventh-Day Adventist Church of Palisade, Colorado has served its parishioners and our community for over a century. By working to promote a spirit of unity and cooperation, the church has shaped the Palisade community for the better. For dedication to serving its community, I am honored to pay tribute to the Palisade Seventh-Day Adventist Church here today.

Founded in 1903, the Palisade Seventh-Day Adventist Church has worked tirelessly to meet the needs of its parishioners and the community at large. Its work includes everything from holding a week-long Vacation Bible School in the summer to preparing individuals to serve on mission trips overseas. The church is dedicated to reaching out to all members of the community, seeking to serve everyone in need.

Mr. Speaker, the efforts of Palisade Seventh-Day Adventist Church to meet the needs of their community and foster a spirit of generosity are an inspiration. The Palisade Seventh-Day Adventist Church is an institution that many in the Palisade community turn to for guidance and encouragement in their daily lives. I am honored to join with my colleagues today in honoring the Palisade Seventh-Day Adventist Church for its tireless work and dedication to the community.

HONORING POLICE OFFICER
CHARLES E. BENNING SR.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Police Officer Charles E. Benning, Sr., on the occasion of his retirement from the Cleveland Police Department. Charles E. Benning, Sr., has honorably and diligently carried out his oath to protect and serve the people of the City of Cleveland for the past twenty-three years.

Officer Benning is a life long resident of Cleveland, Ohio, educated in the Cleveland Public Schools and a graduate of John Hay High School. He attended Bowling Green State University, and was a founder of the Delta Epsilon Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity there. Officer Benning is a dedicated member of St. James Lutheran Church, and is a member of Bible Study Group that provides male leadership to the church, the Men of St. James (M. O. S. T). He also sings with the Male Chorus.

Officer Benning began his Masonic Career in 1995 in William T. Boyd Lodge #79. He built a solid foundation in Masonry by serving in all seats preceding Worshipful Master. He is a member of Cuyahoga Chapter #36 Royal Arch Masons, Bezaleel Consistory #15, Scottish

Rite Masons and El Hasa Temple #28 of the E.E.A.O.N.M.S. On December 3, 2002, he was elected to Worshipful Master of William T. Boyd Lodge and has served the craft faithfully and to the best of his ability.

For the past twenty-three years in the Cleveland Police Department, Officer Benning served in Basic Patrol, in the 5th District Vice Unit, and the 5th District Strike Force. He was selected as one of nine Gang Detectives when the Department started the Youth/Gang Task Force, and during his tenure in this department has made many presentations at Universities, High Schools, and Middle Schools on gang and youth violence. He is the current President of the Ohio Chapter of the Midwest Gang Investigators Association. He is also a member of the Black Shield Police Association, and the Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor, gratitude and recognition of Officer Charles E. Benning Sr., upon his retirement as a Police Officer with the Cleveland Police Department. His exceptional and courageous service on behalf of the citizens of Cleveland and beyond have served to lift the spirits and the lives of countless individuals, families within Cleveland and all along the North Coast. We wish Officer Benning, his wife Jean, mother, Katie Mae, and children Kevin, Jason, Derrick and Charles Jr. many blessings of peace, health and happiness throughout his retirement.

HONORING THE STATEWIDE HISPANIC
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
OF NEW JERSEY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey for its efforts in developing and advancing the role of Hispanics in small businesses, and in enhancing the interests of Hispanics throughout New Jersey. On Friday, October 17, 2003, the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey will hold its 13th Annual Convention and Expo at the Newark Airport Marriot Hotel in Newark, New Jersey.

The Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey has contributed to the increase of business opportunities, prosperity and success for Hispanics throughout the state by forming new partnerships with Latin America, bringing products and jobs back to New Jersey, and creating further economic development and business opportunities throughout our region.

The Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey has been serving as an advocate for Hispanic small businesses in the political process since its inception in 1989, successfully bringing the issues and concerns of Hispanic-owned businesses to the forefront of the local and national economic agenda.

As the Hispanic market continues to represent the fastest growing economic sector in the United States, events, such as The Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey 13th Annual Convention and Expo, benefit the general business community, gov-

ernment agencies and Hispanic entrepreneurs, while providing networking opportunities.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey for playing a critical role in the success of Hispanic businesses throughout New Jersey.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO FLO
GALLEGOS

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OF COLORADO

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Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen from my district. Flo Gallegos of Arboles, Colorado has played an instrumental role in the recent renovations and rededication of the Saint Francis of Assisi Mission Church in Arboles. For her hard work and dedication, I am honored to pay tribute to Flo here today.

The Saint Francis of Assisi Mission Church, built in the early twentieth century, desperately needed renovation: the roof needed replacing, the exterior needed refurbishing, and the interior needed fixing up. Flo spearheaded the effort to get funds, volunteers, and artisans to do the work. She saw a need in her community and refused to sit by or to give up before that need was filled. When times got tough, Flo refused to give in, and she got the job done. The renovations Flo worked so hard to secure were finally achieved this year, and the church was recently rededicated.

Mr. Speaker, the determination and hard work of Flo Gallegos are truly inspirational. She displayed tremendous focus and fortitude in her quest to see that the renovation of the Saint Francis of Assisi Mission Church went forward. For her resolve and dedication, I am honored to join with my colleagues in paying tribute to Flo here today.

HONORING THE SCHOOL OF
UKRAINIAN STUDIES, CLEVELAND,
OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 17, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the School of Ukrainian Studies on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary serving students in the Ukrainian community of Cleveland, Ohio.

The School of Ukrainian Studies was established fifty years ago to ensure that the Ukrainian youth in Cleveland would retain the full glory of their language, culture, and community in the United States. The Ukrainian School has succeeded in keeping together a vibrant and cohesive community of Ukrainian-Americans by teaching its students in the language of their mother country, and bringing to the students the traditional dress and cultural awareness of the Ukraine.

The School of Ukrainian Studies will celebrate its 50th Anniversary by holding a banquet resplendent with traditional foods from the Ukraine, and presenting a performance in